6.   The method of maintaining a multidimensional database according to claim 1 wherein the predetermined layer rule includes an identifier of a database and descriptions of a predetermined format, the database containing a source for generating the corresponding layer information.

7.   The method of maintaining a multidimensional database according to claim 6 wherein said generating step further comprising a step of accessing the database to obtain the source.

13.   The system for maintaining a multidimensional database according to claim 12 wherein the rules are expressed in regular expression.

14.   The system for maintaining a multidimensional database according to claim 11 wherein the predetermined layer rule includes an identifier of a file and descriptions of a predetermined format, the file containing a source for generating the corresponding layer information.

15.   The system for maintaining a multidimensional database according to claim 14 wherein said dimensional layer information management unit accesses the file to obtain hierarchical information.

16.   The system for maintaining a multidimensional database according to claim 11 wherein the predetermined layer rule includes an identifier of a database and descriptions of a predetermined format, the file containing a source for generating the corresponding layer information.

17.   The system for maintaining a multidimensional database according to claim 16 wherein said dimensional layer information management unit accesses the database to obtain the source.

23.   The recording medium for storing computer executable instructions according to claim 22 wherein the rules are expressed in regular expression.
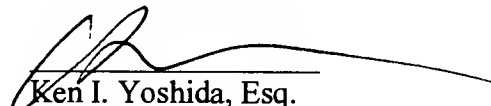
24. The recording medium for storing computer executable instructions according to claim 21 wherein the predetermined layer rule includes an identifier of a file and descriptions of a predetermined format, the file containing a source for generating the corresponding layer information.

25. The recording medium for storing computer executable instructions according to claim 24 wherein said generating step further comprising a step of accessing the file to obtain hierarchical information.

26. The recording medium for storing computer executable instructions according to claim 21 wherein the predetermined layer rule includes an identifier of a database and descriptions of a predetermined format, the database containing a source for generating the corresponding layer information.

27. The recording medium for storing computer executable instructions according to claim 26 wherein said generating step further comprising a step of accessing the database to obtain the source.

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